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Sub: Approval of Ships Security Alert System – Clarification

1. In accordance with the provisions under Regulation 6.2.1 of Chapter XI-2 of the SOLAS Convention, the Directorate's Communication Center, DGCOMM centre has been performing as “Competent Authority” for the purpose of reception of Ship Security Alerts.
2. Attention is invited to ISPS circulars number, NT/ISPS/COM/06/2004 dated 1st July 2004 and NT/ISPS/03/2007 dated 18th January 2007. Upon acquisition of a ship/fitting SSAS equipment, Company Security Officer (CSO) shall ensure that necessary details along with Login ID are conveyed by e-mail to the DGCOMM center for testing of the SSAS equipment. Subsequently, the necessary test shall be carried out and the DGCOMM centre shall issue a Compliance Report on successful completion of the same.
3. Consequent to several representations from the industry seeking clarification on Para 3.3 of ISPS circular number, NT/ISPS/COM/06/2004 dated 1st July 2004, it is clarified that:
 1. if the SSAS equipment fitted on board is compatible with the equipment installed in the DGCOMM Center and the Service Provider allows unrestricted access of information pertaining to the vessel by access through “Password” or any other security identity, the SSAS equipment fitted on board shall be deemed to have been approved by the Directorate. There is no separate approval needed to be taken from the administration if the Compliance Report has been obtained from the DGCOMM center as stated in Para 2.
4. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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